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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY APPROVES FURTHER STUDY OF SHARED TRACK ALTERNATIVE FOR LOS ANGELES TO ANAHEIM SECTION

SAN JOSE – Acting in concert with transportation agencies in the region, the California High-Speed Rail Authority today voted to further study a shared-track alternative for the Los Angeles to Anaheim section of the high-speed train system.

Carrie Pourvahidi, Interim Executive Director, said while the shared-track alternative had been studied early in the environmental review process, interest in it resurfaced following the award of \$2.25 billion in federal stimulus funds for the California high-speed train project, and as the Authority worked more closely with the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

In addition, Authority Chairman Curt Pringle learned from the Federal Railroad Administration that it is willing to consider support of a shared-track alternative.

The board's action is not expected to delay the environmental review process for the Los Angeles to Anaheim section of the train system. Study will also continue on a dedicated-track option as the Authority develops a draft environmental impact report for the section of rail line.

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